

REMARKS

Introduction

Receipt of the Office Action mailed August 10, 2007 is acknowledged. Claims 1-8 are pending. Claims 1-4 and 9 have been allowed. Claims 5-8, previously withdrawn, have been rejoined in accordance with MPEP 821.04 and the *In re Ochiai* guidelines. Claims 5-8 stand currently rejected.

Applicant currently amends claim 1 to address formalities in punctuation (space added within the definition of “n” and “q”; semicolon added to end of definition of “Y”). Applicant currently amends claim 5. Support for the amendments to claim 5 may be found on page 19, lines 20-31 in the specification as filed (paragraphs [0132]-[0133] on page 7 of the published application). Applicant also currently amends claim 8 to include steps of a process for the preparation of the compounds as defined in claim 1. Support for the amendment may be found on page 24, lines 10-34 (Methods A & C)). Applicant cancels claims 6-7. No new matter has been added. Entry of the amendment and favorable reconsideration are earnestly solicited.

Claim Rejections Under §112, 1

Claims 5 and 6 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as not being fully enabled. Specifically, Examiner contends that the specification, while being enabling for treating certain diseases that benefit from inhibition of DHODH, does not reasonably provide enablement for treating all of the diseases/disorders encompassed by claims 5 and 6.

Applicant currently amends claim 5 as suggested by the Examiner on pages 8-9 of the Office Action dated August 10, 2007. Applicant cancels claim 6 thereby obviating the rejection under section 112, first paragraph.

Claim Rejections Under §112, 2

Claims 7 and 8 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, claim 8 was rejected as being incomplete for omitting essential steps involved in the preparation of the compounds as defined in claim 1.

Applicant currently cancels claim 7 thereby obviating the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph as well as under §101. Applicant currently amends claim 8 to recite steps for preparing the compounds of claim 1. Applicant submits that with these amendments, the rejection claim 7 is obviated and claim 8 is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

This application is ready for allowance. Accordingly, Applicant requests early and favorable reconsideration in the form of a Notice of Allowance.

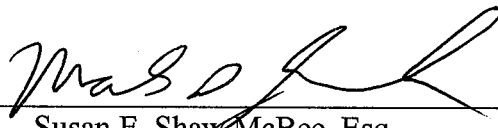
If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned would be appreciated, since this should expedite the prosecution of the application for all concerned.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 09-0528 (Docket # F093 1100.1).

Respectfully submitted,

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